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Dear Dr Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your encouraging lines. I hereby send you the paper you asked for, and, in case you are interested, the paper from 1958 on the "epidemiological" investigation that first gave me the idea of interference between bacteria as an everyday phenomenon in hospitals. I also send you my thesis where these studies and two others on the bacteriology of burns are brought together.

As for recent papers on interference I have read only those which are referred to in my papers. But some months ago I found the enclosed scrap from the Medical Tribune. I have not tried to contact Dr Adrian van Soestbergen, however. The name sounds so very impressive!

You wrote about the folkmedical use of B.Subtilis strains in Vietnam. I have not heard of exactly that before, but here in Sweden in ancient times (and certainly in not so ancient times too) they used cobwebs on wounds. But that had perhaps more an antibiotic effect from the moulds than an interfering effect from the ev. bacteria.

I hope you will excuse this long writing but I felt so happy and honoured at your request.

Sincerely yours

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